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FOR COMMON FUNDING OF NATO COMMUNICATIONS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, WE CAN ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) CONCERNING THE CRITERIA TO
BE APPLIED TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF NON-MILITARY NICS
CIRCUITS FOR NATO FUNDING INCLUDING THE RECOMMENDED
NUMBERS FOR BOTH DIRECT NICS SUBSCRIBERS AND INDIRECT
NICS SUBSCRIBERS (REF B).

2. AS NOTED IN REF C, THE INTEREST ON THE PART OF NATO
NATIONS TO USE THE NICS FOR NATIONAL PROGRAMS IS ACKNOW-
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LEDGED, PARTICULARLY WHEN EITHER THE QUANTITY OR QUALITY
OF SERVICE NEEDED IS NOT BEING SATISFIED THROUGH NATIONAL
MEANS. IT IS ALSO AN ACCEPTED PROCEDURE THAT AT LEAST
THAT PORTION OF THE NICS THAT IS COMMONLY FUNDED SHOULD
BE SIZED TO MEET VALIDATED NATO REQUIREMENTS, BOTH
MILITARY AND CIVIL AND SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR
NATIONAL USE ONLY WHEN EXCESS CAPACITY EXISTS AND

DISCUSSIONS ARE IN SUPPORT OF NATO ISSUES.

3. ADDITIONALLY, WHEN VALID NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS EXIST THAT ARE NOT AND CANNOT BE SATISFIED BY NATIONAL MEANS AND THE CAPACITY EITHER EXISTS OR THE NICS CAN BE EXPANDED TO ACCOMMODATE THE REQUIREMENT, THEN NICSMA SHOULD GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENT. IN EACH SUCH CASE A PAY-BACK IS REQUIRED, TO INCLUDE APPROPRIATE CONTRIBUTION TO THE COST OF THE BACKBONE SYSTEM. THE ACTUAL MEANS FOR EFFECTING A PAY-BACK COULD BE IN THE FORM OF A QUID PRO QUO OR DIRECT PAYMENT (REF C). DELAYS IN CONFIGURING THE NICS SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED WHILE NICSMA/NATIONS DELIBERATE OVER THE VALIDITY OF NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS -- SUCH A SITUATION COULD ONLY SERVE TO DELAY COMPLETION OF THE NICS. NICSMA/NATIONAL USE OF EACH OTHERS FACILITIES SHOULD BE DETERMINED DURING THE COURSE OF THE ON-GOING NICSMA SYSTEM ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN STUDY (SADS).

4. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT PRINCIPLES CONCERNING THE APPLICATION ADDRESSED IN PARAGRAPH 11.1 (IX) REF B MAY NOT BE IN CONSONANCE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF CONSOLIDATION AND MERITS FURTHER STUDY.

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